



**Minutes of Meeting
CITIZENS' EFFICIENCY COMMISSION
September 25, 2013**

ATTENDANCE

Citizens' Efficiency Commissioners

X	Jeff Adkisson		Frank McNeil
X	Daniel Cadigan	X	Mike Murphy
X	Jim Cimarossa		Drinda O'Connor
X	Josh Collins	X	Ken Page
	Jerry Crabtree	X	Robert Plunk
	Gary Crompton	X	Kent Redfield
X	James Donelan	X	J. D. Sudeth
X	Kevin Dorsey	X	Kenley Wade, Sr.
X	Cliff Erwin	X	Joan Walters
X	Bob Gray		Robert Wesley
X	Karen Hasara		
X	Marilyn Kushak		

Others

Norm Sims- SSCRPC
Jeff Fulgenzi- SSCRPC
Amy Uden- SSCRPC
Carol Kulek-Volunteer

Richard Treat- SCTOA
Scott Long – Growmark
John Reynolds – SJR
Kirk Farah - WTAX

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Karen Hasara called the meeting of the Citizens' Efficiency Commission to order and welcomed commissioners and guests.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Hasara asked for approval of the August minutes. Mr. Jim Donelan made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Josh Collins seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

III. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Scott Long, Manager of Propane Marketing and Business Development for Growmark, Inc. gave a report on the benefits of propane powered vehicles. He noted the City of Springfield's changeover of several cars in its fleet. Mr. Long also invited Commission members to the Propane Road Show on October 15, 2013 at 8AM at the Sangamon County Farm Bureau.

IV. REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:

Chair Hasara noted that she and some committee chairs have recorded a roundtable interview with Mr. Bob Murray which will be aired on WTAX. Mr. Cliff Erwin also has a guest editorial that will soon be published in the SRJ.



Chair Hasara asked that all members of the committee make sure that they have the updated meeting calendar. The next CEC meeting is scheduled for October 23 and is coordinated with the Regional Leadership Council Meeting of mayors and village presidents in the county, which will follow the CEC meeting. She invited committee members to stay for the Leadership Council Meeting.

Administrative, Management, and Budget Committee:

Committee Chair Marilyn Kushak reported that her committee is focused on getting their last 3 recommendations completed. The latest recommendation on group financing has been well received. There was a positive article in the SJR and Ms. Kushak has been interviewed by Jim Leach for his radio show. The committee, with the help of Dr. Redfield, continues to move ahead with a recommendation on legal requirements for government mandated published reports. The final recommendation should be ready in October. In the area of cooperative payroll and back office functions the committee is working on finalizing data and a draft related to potential to automate and share certain back office functions. The committee has also researched Senate Bill 0494 on reduction of local government. Although it only applies to Dupage County it is a model that will be mentioned in the final report.

Next Committee Meeting: Monday, October 7, 2013, 11:30 am; SSCRPC Conference Room 212.

Community Development Committee:

Committee Chair Erwin noted that his committee, with the help of Dr. Dorsey, continues to work on the implementation of the higher education and local units of government recommendation. He also reported that the committee hopes to have a white paper on curriculum alternatives and he cited cooperation between Tri-City & Riverton School Districts in using the Aventa online curriculum. Mr. Erwin shared that significant savings are possible using online curriculum and that the Schoolmasters has expressed support for this type of collaboration.

Next Committee Meeting: Thursday, October 10, 2013, 3:00 pm; Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce Conference Room.

Public Safety Committee:

Committee Chair Bob Gray explained that his committee continues to work in the areas of law enforcement, fire protection and emergency services. He indicated that the committee would present a recommendation on pass-through fire protection districts later in the meeting. Mr. Gray noted that he expects to have recommendations on law enforcement, the E911 system, and a more thorough review of fire protection in the near future.

Next Committee Meeting: October 9, 2013, 3:00 pm; Sangamon County Farm Bureau.

Public Works Committee:

Committee Chair Jim Donelan reported that his committee has met twice since the last CEC meeting. They had a special meeting with Mr. Mark Mahoney regarding the city sanitary and storm sewer system. A recommendation is expected in the near future. The committee also expects to put forth a recommendation on solid waste and recycling. He noted that the committee would present recommendations on alternative fuels and on fleet management later that day.

Next Committee Meeting: Monday, Monday October 7, 2013, 3:00 pm; SSCRPC Conference Room.

V. NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Gray presented the following recommendation on Pass-through Fire Protections:

The CEC recommends that the nine pass-through fire protection districts served by the City of Springfield, or select districts among this group, consider consolidating into a single district to receive continued services at lower administrative cost from the City of Springfield via intergovernmental agreement.

The CEC further recommends, in conjunction with these considerations, that these districts alternatively consider contracting with outlying rural fire protection districts, if deemed appropriate upon additional local review.

Mr. Gray described alternatives to this recommendation, after which he made a motion to approve the recommendation. Mr. Cadigan seconded the motion. Some discussion occurred regarding the City of Springfield's budget related to these districts, and regarding the potential for districts to contract for fire protection with some districts outside of the city. After discussing this recommendation and the alternatives, a vote was taken. The motion passed and the recommendation was approved.

Commissioner Donelan had two recommendations to present from the Public Works Committee. The first recommendation regarding Parts Inventory and Supply Management is as follows:

The CEC recommends that local jurisdictions consider alternative parts management systems for their fleet maintenance operations. The CEC further recommends that local governments consider cooperating in a "hub-and-spokes" fashion to allow the benefits of a parts management system to be accrued by jurisdictions that handle a more limited inventory.

The CEC further recommends that each of the affected entities, such as parts management employees, public sector organized labor, and administrators, establish a working group to discuss implementation steps and potential savings.

Mr. Donelan gave a brief summary and made a motion that this recommendation be approved. Mr. Sudeth seconded the motion. The recommendation was approved.



Commissioner Donelan then introduced the Alternative Fuels recommendation presented below:

The CEC recommends that the larger jurisdictions within the county continue or initiate, as appropriate, alternative fuel conversion programs for their light-duty and heavy-duty fleet vehicles, particularly as normal vehicle turnover presents opportunities to do so. The CEC further recommends that jurisdictions research the viability of cooperative alternative fuel fleet conversions in order to minimize the up-front capital costs of alternative fuel conversions.

After summarizing the recommendation, Mr. Donelan made a motion to approve with Ms. Walters seconding the motion. The committee discussed various aspects of the recommendation and approved the motion.

Commission Chair Hasara then asked if there was any other new business. Mr. Gray asked if staff could provide a summary of the referendum process. Staff indicated that the process varies depending on the situation. Chair Hasara recommended contacting the County Clerk's office for this information.

Next meeting date—October 23, 2013 at 3:00 PM, Location to be the Hoogland Center for the Arts. [Secretary's note: Location has been changed to LLCC]

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Hasara asked for public comment. There was none.

Chair Hasara thanked Carol Kulek on her work with the Better Government Association Business Breakfast that will be held next Thursday at 8:00 AM at the SJR auditorium.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further comments, Chair Hasara called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Erwin made the motion with Mr. Cadigan seconding. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Lewis
Acting as Recording Secretary